

**James Gadsden to Andrew Jackson, April 13, 1822,
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COLONEL JAMES GADSDEN TO JACKSON.

Washington, April 13, 1822.

. . . . I have another request to make you. You know you promised me as an inheritance your public papers books documents etc. These though valuable may not contain all the matter relating to your campaigns which live only in your recollection. I wish you therefore at every leisure moment to throw together in a book, it matters not as to arrangement, your recollection of all important events of your life public and private. Your early career, the difficulties you had to struggle with in the world—Facts relating to the early settlement of Tennessee Indian hostilities etc—The important events of your creek and Orleans campaigns; the difficulties encountered in both—your plans how far executed; and your views generally which must have been known solely to yourself, of the operations undertaken and your confidence in success. It is impossible to enumerate all that I could wish; write therefore every thing in this great depository whether of private or public nature which you think would be interesting. Fail not to mention what you know of Burs operations. etc. etc. etc. etc.